

Personally, I think that one of the worst things about the Covid-19 pandemic was how unexpected it flipped the world upside down; one day we're in class like usual, then we're being told that we have off for two weeks, and finally, everything for the rest of the school year is cancelled. The heartbreak was doubled because while my senior year at school was cut short, my last dance season was also cut short. Along with that, the disappointments didn't really stop there when all of the concerts and plans I had for the summer were being cancelled and postponed. I am not saying that no one else could understand how I was feeling because I know that a lot of people experienced the same, or maybe even worse, kind of situations. However, dance is a major part of my life so when this was taken away, I was extremely devastated. When we were put into quarantine, there was a lot of free time where my sister and I didn't really know what to do with ourselves, so we ended up watching several different Netflix series and taking walks outside. It was definitely hard going weeks, maybe even months, without seeing my friends. However, every so often, we would go on a socially distanced walk with our best friend who lives in our neighborhood or we would drive to an empty parking lot and talk to our friends from our cars. On another note, I found it strange to see businesses and stores closed down. I remember going for a drive and just seeing everything dark with no one around and I couldn't help but think about how depressing it was to see everything resemble a ghost town. I also thought it was a strange thing to see how wearing a mask everywhere became the new normal. Obviously, no one was used to wearing them, so we would always need the constant reminder to bring a mask with us wherever we went. Now, unfortunately, we have been accustomed to living during this pandemic, and it has become second nature for

us to put it on before we leave the house (or our dorm room) and have it with us wherever we go.